

requirement that everyone has to hear what is going on. We did make clear that the hearing, or the meeting had to be conducted with a good faith attempt to let people hear what is going on. That language appears on the third page, lines 18 through 21, "the public body shall upon request take reasonable steps to ensure that all members of the public in attendance are able to hear the discussion and testimony presented at the meeting." In essence, what we simply did was to strike some sections of the green copy and to make clearer the application of the formal requirements involved with the open meetings law. In other words, what the intent that Senator Hoagland brought to us we accepted for the most part but made wording changes to make sure that the idea was a little more complete, a little clearer. With respect to the policy choices I will await Senator Hoagland and his explanation of the terms of the bill but for the most part the committee amendments struck some provisions, the burden of which was too onerous on local political subdivisions and, secondly, reduce from three to one, the number of copies available to the public and additionally made explicit the power to regulate the conduct of video taping and photographing open public hearings.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. You didn't wish to speak on that, Senator Hoagland? Okay, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments to LB 43. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 43. Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, we have had two rather extensive meetings on this bill already, one last Friday morning and one this morning. We have another meeting scheduled for two-thirty. If these meetings are successful why we will turn what is a moderately controversial bill into a noncontroversial bill so what I would ask, Mr. President, is that we pass this bill over for a day or two to give us a chance to see if we cannot come up with an agreement with both sides so that we won't have to take any more floor time on this measure and then if we do arrive at an agreement why Senator Landis and I and others and Senator DeCamp involved in that process can describe what the amendment is and we can deal with it at length then. So with that, Mr. President, I would ask that we pass this over for a day or two to permit us to work out our differences. Thank you.